



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 977

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 4, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 977 would amend § 79-458 by adding a new set of criteria to allow land to be transferred to another school district in a process commonly referred to as “freeholding.” The proposal would also allow such transfers of land out of any class of school district to a contiguous district if the original district has approved a budget that will cause the combined levies to exceed the greater of:

- a. The maximum levy authorized by statute plus \$0.15; or
- b. The maximum levy authorized by a vote.

The deadline for approving a petition to transfer land would be moved up from November 1 to August 1. The effective date for the transfer would also be moved up from January 1 to September 1 and the deadline for appeals would be moved up to August 10. The filing of an appeal or inaction of the board would not prevent the transfer from occurring on September 1, unless the court takes action to prevent the transfer.

The measure contains an emergency clause.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Ron Raikes